Violation of CPAC Rules in granting as Accreditation

980. SHRI N. E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the Editors of big Newspapers, General Managers of News agencies and Printers and publishers, Business Executives of Newspapers and Government employees have been granted accreditation as correspondents by the Central Press Accreditation Committee by violating the CPAC Rules, 1985; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the correspondents and the newspapers they represent who have been given accreditation as on December, 1992 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) According to the information furnished by P.I.O., reply is No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

New Air Stations in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1993-94

981. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to commission new All India Radio stations in Andhra Pradesh during the 1993-94 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c) A local radio station at Mercapuram is scheduled to be commissioned in 1993-94.

Committee to streamline media services

982. SHRI P. UPENDRA :

SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have set up a high level panel on media units ;

(b) if so, what are the details of the committee and what are its terms of reference ; and

(c) whether the committee will draw upon the experience of the earlier media committees set up by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF IMFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) A High Level Committee comprising of the following has been set up :—

1. Shri U. C. Agarwal — Chairman (Retd. Secretary, Department of Personnel)
2. Lt. Gen. K. Balram — Member (Retd. Adjutant General)
3. Smt. V. S. Rama Devi — Member (Retd. Secretary, Leg. Department)
4. Dr. N. Bhaskara Rao — Member (Media Expert)
5. Shri Girish Karnad — Member (Chairman, Sangeet Natak Akademy)
6. Shri S. C. Mahalik — Member Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of I. & B.
7. Shri K. A. Varadan — Member Additional Secretary, Ministry of I. & B.